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In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, the Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-2 and 8. However, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn with respect to Group I and III since they both relate to similar subject matter. It is Applicants' position that the amount of search and examination time expended by the Examiner with respect to Group I and III versus just Group I is minimal as compared to the expense incurred by Applicants to file a separate case.

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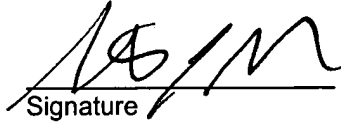
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